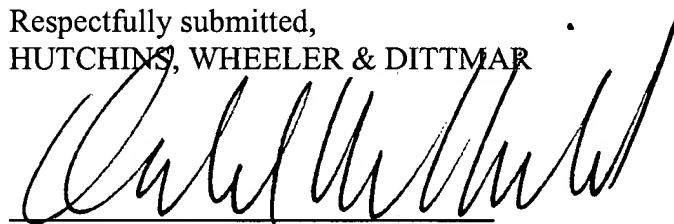


and any fees required for consideration of this paper (including fees for net addition of claims) are authorized to be charged in two originally-executed copies of an Amendment Transmittal Letter filed herewith.

The rejection of Claims 164-186 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over Claims 1-44 of U.S. Patent No. 6,097,811 has been address by the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer filed herewith. In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Based on the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the above-referenced patent application is in condition for allowance. Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 617-951-6676.

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